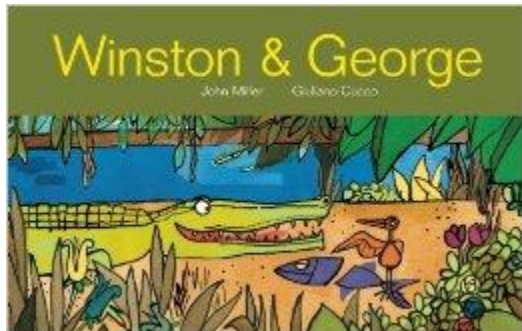


Picture Books

Winston & George by John Miller and Giuliano Cucco



A story about a friendship between a crocodile named Winston and a crocodile bird named George. George likes to play pranks, which tests the friendship and puts Winston in danger, though the story has a happy ending. This would be a good story to pair with a discussion about animals with symbiotic relationships.

Grades K-2

Blue on Blue by Dianne White, Illustrations by Beth Krommes



This peaceful book depicts a sunny day transitioning through a rainstorm and back to a sunny (but muddy) day. The amazing watercolor-scratchboard pictures are reminiscent of the illustrator's previous work in *The House in the Night*, but this time loaded with vivid colors.

Grades K-1

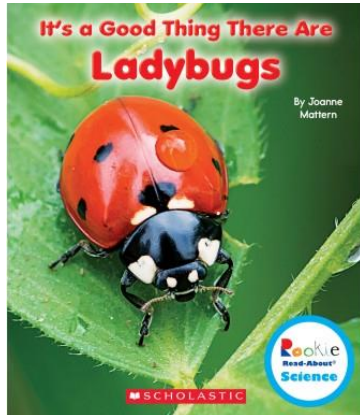
Non-Fiction

It's a Good Thing There Are Bees

It's a Good Thing There Are Butterflies

It's a Good Thing There Are Earthworms

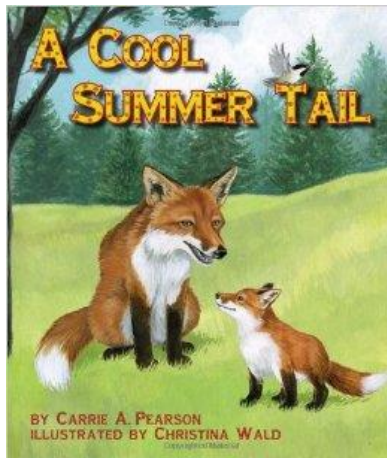
It's a Good Thing There Are Ladybugs



These books are good informational texts for the early grades, featuring some of the students' favorite insects. The books include a habitat quiz, fun facts, riddles and conservation information.

Grades K-1

A Cool Summer Tail by Carrie A. Pearson



A picture-book style exploration of how animals adapt to the summer heat. The book is presented from the viewpoint of various animals who wonder if humans use the same strategies as they do to keep cool in the summer. The rhyming text details 10+ animals' adaptations to summer temperatures. The appendix includes a number of extension activities that you are given permission to photocopy, in addition to having access to more online extensions.

Grades K-2

Do You Really Want to Visit a Wetland? (The Everglades)

Do You Really Want to Visit a Desert?

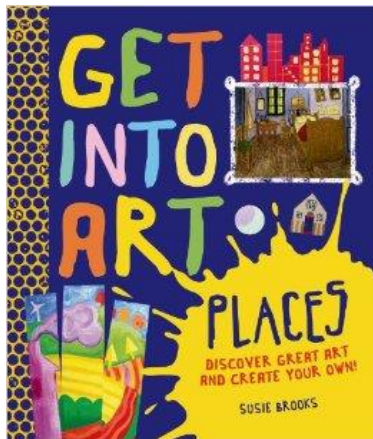
Do You Really Want to Visit a Rainforest? (The Amazon)



These books serve as a basic introduction to a habitat, from the perspective of a student visiting that place to learn more about it. After presenting a checklist of what you would need for your visit, you explore the habitat and learn about some of the most common flora and fauna there. It also touches on concepts such as adaptation, as well as ending with a map showing where those habitats are located around the world. These are great books to introduce these three habitats to the younger grades.

Grades K-2

Get Into Art: Places by Susie Brooks



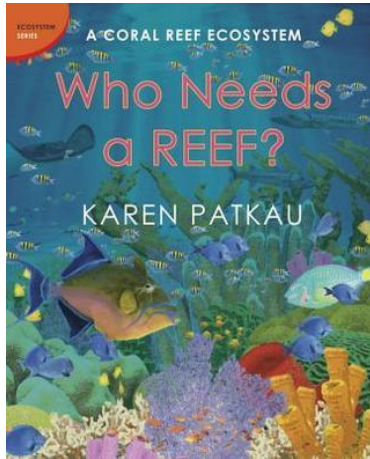
An exploration of twelve distinctly different works of art, centered on the theme of “places.” The artist, inspiration, and style of each work are discussed. Opening a flap reveals instructions for creating your own art to mimic the one featured. These projects range in style, materials required, and degree of difficulty. The Kindergarten team will want to use this book for their IB unit, but other teachers may also find some of the art projects relatable or useful.

Grades K-4 (with guidance)

Who Needs a Desert?

Who Needs a Prairie

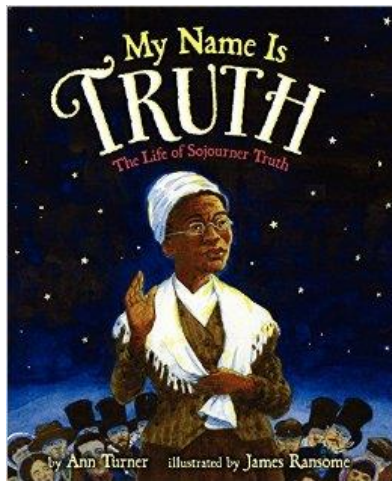
Who Needs a Reef by Karen Patkau



Each of these books explores a habitat in a picture-book style. Each discusses how the habitat was originally formed, the flora and fauna found there, as well as its specific food chain and life cycle. Each book concludes with a “Who needs a ...” section that details why that habitat is important and what threats it faces.

Grades 1-4 (1-2 with guidance)

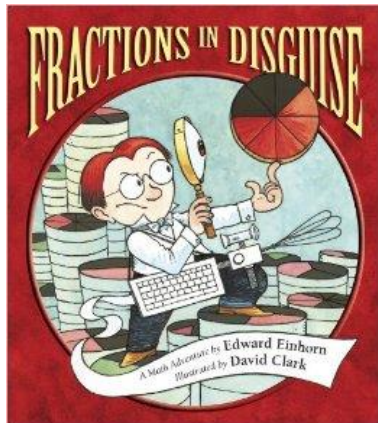
My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth



This is an outstanding picture-book biography of Sojourner Truth. The book is told in the first-person and includes wonderful watercolor illustrations that help to capture the adversity and triumph of this powerful story.

Grades 2-4

Fractions in Disguise by Edward Einhorn



There are fractions aplenty in this story about a boy who is trying to find the missing $\frac{5}{9}$ fraction that he and other fraction-obsessed characters wish to have in their collection. In his search, many fractions are explored, all represented in pie charts, with a particular emphasis on reducing fractions. He uses his homemade “Reducer” mechanism to find the greatest common factor in the fractions that he encounters while searching for the prized $\frac{5}{9}$. A good book to use when you have already introduced the concept of reducing fractions, as this book works better as a reinforcement of that topic, rather than as an introductory text.

Grades 3-4